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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 2004

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 ss. 17, 17A, 80, and 104, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) in conjunction with the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) have scheduled a hearing on the following proposed changes to river herring regulations in the Connecticut River Watershed. Contact DMF for draft regulations and further details.

1. DMF proposals to mirror DFW & Connecticut state regulations for recreational fishing of river herring in the Connecticut River Watershed not under Local Control:

- eliminate no-fishing days; fishery would be open seven days a week;
- reduce possession limit from 25 to 12 fish per day;
- prohibit use of gear other than hook and line to catch river herring; and
- prohibit sale of river herring taken from the Connecticut River Watershed.

A public hearing has been scheduled:

Monday, May 10, 2004 (7PM) at the DFW Connecticut Valley District Office (341 East Street, Belchertown, MA 01007-9316). Comments received by e-mail, fax or mail will be accepted until 5PM on Friday, May 14, 2003.

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